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## SPORTS

BY V. L. STEVENSON.

### Mainland Tennis Men Surprised

Never before have the tennis enthusiasts of Honolulu had an opportunity of witnessing the leading mainland tennis players in action, and at the conclusion of the match today, between McLoughlin and Long, the American representative team and Roth and Gee, the Honolulu experts, a record week will close. Tennis week has more than stimulated local enthusiasts of this game, which, as played here is a good clean sport free from the demoralizing effects of professionalism. Local individuals who have not until now been made aware of the skill, judgment and endurance required for an expert in tennis, have had their eyes opened, and become dyed in the wool fans, and will certainly not fail to miss tennis games in the future.

Mr. Edwin S. Gee, of the Pay Department of the Army, is responsible for the presence of the tennis celebrities and it is to his efforts that the credit of the successful matches is due. When Long and McLoughlin came through en route to Australia Mr. Gee met them at the boat and urged them to stop off and play a match with the local men. They were somewhat averse to doing so, fearing the risk of a sprained ankle or ligament, but finally as a result of his earnest solicitation arrangements were made for the match. A cordial invitation was sent to the distinguished visitors by Mr. Gee urging them to stop off for a week on their way back to the States, stating that he had already made arrangements for a refund on their return tickets to Vancouver, to enable them to return to San Francisco by the Alameda. He has been untiring and unselfish during the entire week in his efforts to give tennis players an opportunity to see the game as it should be played and is certainly deserving of the sincere thanks of every tennis loving resident of Honolulu.

Maurice McLoughlin was the sensation of Newport last season. Only eighteen years of age and practically unknown to the eastern cracks he went through the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the national championship match, defeating older and more experienced players with ridiculous ease. His corkscrew service with the reverse cut, which seems to defy the laws of gravitation, bounds to the left instead of continuing to the right, is one of his chief assets and never fails to puzzle an opponent. In the national championship finals he met Clothier and was defeated only after a four set match three of which went to deuce. His match with Wilding in Australia was one of the most spectacular events ever witnessed there, as, after winning the first set and with five games to three in his favor in the second, he would in all probability have annexed the match had he not been overconfident. McLoughlin is still a student in the San Francisco high school and undoubtedly has a wonderful future before him.

Melville Long is a player of sterling merit, with an excellent service. He has great command of the ball at the net or from the base line, is a hard driver and can negotiate tantalizing chops on the side lines. He held the Pacific Coast championship until 1907, when he lost to his present partner, and these two have been rivals since. He made rather a better showing against Brookes in the Australian match than McLoughlin, but did not do so well with Wilding, so honors were apparently easy. He has few superiors in passing an antagonist at the net and does so equally well fore or back hand. His height gives him a great advantage in reach over the average player and makes it almost an impossibility to pass him at the net.

The match for the Davis Cup will go down in the history of tennis as one of the most remarkable of these classic contests. Thirty-eight games were played to decide the first two sets, the final score reading 12-10, 9-7, 6-3. Although the American team was defeated in straight sets, the result of each period was in doubt until the final point had been played and in both the first two sets the Americans were several times within one point of taking the set.

The local players are to be heartily congratulated on their showing against the mainland cracks. Castle Gee and Low have all put up a game fight against almost overwhelming odds. "We are surprised at the high class singles that the local men have played," remarked Long. On the day of their arrival Gee defeated Long in a set 8-6 and in the semi-finals played a 7-5 set against him that was a succession of brilliant plays and anybody's game up to the deciding point. Captain Low of the U. S. Marine Corps tied the second set against Long at 4 games all and played a remarkably fast game through-

### Last Tennis Match This Afternoon

This afternoon the return match between Long-McLoughlin and Gee-Roth will take place, and then the much-debated question as to how much better the Californians are than the local men will at last be decided.

That the Davis Cup men are better can hardly be denied, but, still, in Gee and Roth Honolulu has a strong pair of players who will, if in their best form, make the cracks do their best to win all three sets out of the five.

The Gee-Roth combination is stronger than the Castle-Roth one, and if Roth would take a leaf from the Californians' book, and arrange it that neither he nor Gee ever went after the same ball, the improvement in their game would be soon noticed.

Too often are the locals found out of position when playing against the Davis Cup men, and the cause of the trouble is that their team work is not as good as their opponents'. The match this afternoon will start at half-past three o'clock, and by that time a big crowd is sure to be in attendance at the courts. The public is taking the greatest interest in the series of tennis matches that is being played between the Honolulu men and the Coast experts, and the visit of Long and McLoughlin has improved the game a lot.

The two young Californians have become great favorites in Honolulu, and, judging from the comments of the Australasian press, they were just as popular "down under."

Long and McLoughlin did not play any tennis yesterday, and put in the day having a look around. They have had so much tennis lately that they must be tired of the game, and will welcome a rest when they get home. The experience they have gained in their travels will be of great benefit to them, and should they again visit Australia in search of the Davis Cup, it will be the hope of the Kangaroos that, if the cup must go, Long and McLoughlin take it.

Gee, who has been the real live wire in local tennis circles ever since his arrival in Honolulu, is largely responsible for the stop-over of the Californians, and he has been working hard all the time to arrange matches and entertain the Coast players.

The match this afternoon will be out the match. On Sunday at the Country Club, Castle played brilliantly and his match in singles against McLoughlin was hotly contested from start to finish. Roth did not play singles but his playing in doubles has been excellent throughout the week and he and Gee won one set from the visitors 6-4 which is certainly a record against such men as McLoughlin and Long.

"We have had the time of our lives," "Southern hospitality will be changed to Hawaiian hospitality with us in the future." "You have the best fellows, the gamest players and most gentlemanly losers we have ever met," are some of the bouquets handed out by the visiting team. "A chance to stop off in Honolulu again will be one of the chief considerations in influencing us to try and make the American representative team again next year," said McLoughlin.

In return, tennis enthusiasts both here and in Australia have formed a most favorable impression of these two young men. Courteous, gentlemanly, and good fellows generally every one interested in true sportsmanship wishes them aloha and sincerely hopes to see them here again the coming year.

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the last chance Honolulu people will get to see Long and McLoughlin in action for some time to come. The boys leave on the Alameda tomorrow morning, and everybody wishes them bon voyage and another trip next year to Australia.

### Outrigger Club Holds Meeting

There was a meeting of the Outrigger Club directors last night at the Hawaiian Hotel, and some very important business was discussed. The bids for the new bathhouse were opened and the lowest one of \$675 was accepted.

The club has arranged that some real live tag men will go out and collect the amount that the directors are shy of. The balance on hand won't allow of the \$675 building being paid for, so some strenuous stunts in the

money raising line will have to be performed.

However, the directors don't see any trouble ahead as regards getting funds, and as the Kamehameha Athletic Club will also take part in the exhibition that will be given when the Clark excursionists are here, the whole show should be a good one.

The Auxiliary Club was passed a vote of thanks for the good work it has done in the way of entertaining and inflating new comers into the delights of surf riding.

The Columbia Park boys should arrive here on the morning of February 1, and after a reception at the Opera House will be taken to lunch, and then out to the league grounds where a baseball game will be played against some school team. In the evening a performance will be given by the much-travelled youngsters and it is sure to draw a full house.

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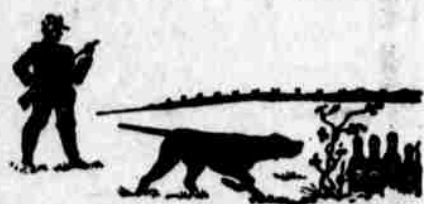
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